Setting up of National Digital Library

934. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have embarked on a massive project to set up a National Digital Library;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have given any time-frame for this project and how long it will take to complete it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) A cell under the name "National Digital Libraries Cell" has been created in the Department. The mandate of the cell is:

- Setting up National Digital Libraries
- Lining DIT's own Archives and Library
- Resources in printed format as well as museum artifacts i.e. non-printed document format resources (murals, paintings, sculptures) etc. through digital technology in order to provide universal access with links to other digital libraries.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Strategic Paper on A.D.C

935. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have brought out a "Strategic Paper" on levying of Access Deficit Charge (ADC) from private telecom operators;

(b) if so, the recommendations of the Strategic Paper;

(c) whether Government would implement the recommendation of the Strategic Paper in consultation with the private telecome operators; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?